

I have no problem with the FCC charging an increased fee for NEW vanity callsign filings. I don't think the taxpayers ought to bear the cost of new vanity filings which benefit the applicant, not the government. However, once a vanity call is assigned, renewing it is no more time-consuming or costly than renewing any other callsign.

I am aware of the FCC's assertions that vanity calls require more resources to manage throughout their entire lifetime. Simply making an assertion without substantiating it does not demonstrate its veracity. The FCC is highly computerized; from a database standpoint, managing a vanity call is no more complex than any other call. I think I can accept that two callsigns are managed during the two-year grace period before the old, non-vanity callsign expires. However, this extra effort/expense should be built into the initial vanity application fee and should not be assessed for renewals.

An increase in the fees for vanity call renewals is unjustified and should not be implemented.